

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("___") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

1. (Original) A system for storing messages using multiple communication modalities, the system comprising:
 - (A) a standard telephone system;
 - (B) a standard legacy voicemail system;
 - (C) a digital voicemail store configured to receive digitized messages, the digital voicemail store further being configured to store digitized messages;
 - (D) a network access server (NAS) comprising:
 - (D1) an NAS analog voice port communicatively coupled to the standard telephone system, the NAS analog voice port being configured to receive analog voice signals from the standard telephone system;
 - (D2) an analog-to-digital (A/D) converter configured to digitize the analog voice signals; and
 - (D3) an NAS digital port configured to transmit the digitized signals; and
 - (E) a digital messaging server (DMS) comprising:
 - (E1) a DMS digital port communicatively coupled to the NAS digital port, the DMS digital port further being communicatively coupled to the digital voicemail store, the DMS digital port being configured to receive the

digitized signals from the NAS digital port, the DMS digital port further being configured to convey the digitized message to the digital voicemail store;

- (E2) a digital-to-analog (D/A) converter configured to convert the digitized signal into an analog message; and
- (E3) a DMS analog port communicatively coupled to the standard legacy voicemail system, the DMS analog voice port being configured to convey the analog message to the standard legacy voicemail system.

2. – 46. (Canceled)

48. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the DMS is further configured to provide a temporary digital mailbox.

49. (New) The system of claim 48, wherein the temporary digital mailbox is configured to store at least one digital message.

50. (New) The system of claim 48, wherein the DMS is further configured to destroy the temporary digital mailbox.

51. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the DMS is further configured to convert the digitized data into Internet-compatible data.

52. (New) The system of claim 51, wherein the Internet-compatible data includes an attachment to an email message.

53. (New) The system of claim 51, wherein the Internet-compatible data includes an attachment to an Instant Message.

54. (New) The system of claim 51, wherein the Internet-compatible data includes a digital voice stream using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).